

The Trailer Tongue

Newsletter of the Southern Idaho Sailing Association
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Coming Soon!

Cascade Cup July 4 and 5
Blue Heron Camp Ground
Cascade, Idaho

Featured Sailor:



Joe Zosso

The enthusiasm of a new sailor is infectious. Joe bought his Mac 21 this winter and has sailed it every month in 2009. Yes, January, February...etc. all of them. In addition to joining SISA he stepped up and was voted to the Board of Directors and appointed to the rules committee. You also see his contributions to the newsletter in [Sailing News](#). This kind of commitment is what allows our club to be a vital part of sailing in Idaho.
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Commodores Comments

By Commodore Lynn Sander

June will go down in the books as one of the wettest on record but that didn't deter all of you hard core SISA sailors! We had two excellent events in June, first the Payette Cup in McCall sponsored by the Mill Harbor Yacht Club followed one week later by the first Cascade regatta of the season. Both events had lots of wind and no wind, lots of rain and a bit of sunshine, warm temperatures and cool temperatures, but the one consistent thing . . . they both had was lots of SISA sailors!

The Payette Cup is always an adventure since the weather in the mountains in early June can include everything from sunshine and 80-degree temps to snow and howling wind. This year it was mostly cloudy and wet but not particularly cold or windy – not bad conditions for the first 2009 regatta in the north country. We had a great turnout of SISA sailors and they posted outstanding results. **Continued on Page 2**

Sailing News

By Joe Zosso

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the resolution to mark July 1st as National Boating Day.

Now here's a holiday worth celebrating. Surveys show that 59 million Americans call themselves boaters. We'll see what happens after the Hallmark people get a hold of it.

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Sergio Mercado	2 nd SJ 21 fleet and 2 nd Overall
Geoff Johnson	1 st Open High
Dennis Cleary	2 nd Open High
Dave Kennedy	1 st Open Low
Jim Monroe	2 nd Open Low
Keith Sander	1 st Mac 26 and 3 rd Overall
Tom Valasek	2 nd Mac 26
Mark Kircher	3 rd Mac 26
Dick Armstrong	3 rd Multi-Hull

Thanks again to Mill Harbor for a terrific event and special thanks to Steve Dube and Mike Daly for all the work they put in to make it happen! Thanks also to the Race Committee of John Gabiola and Denise Daly who worked in some pretty challenging conditions!

Just one week later (June 20-21) was the first Lake Cascade regatta of the season and with every weatherman in Boise predicting rain followed by more rain, we weren't sure if we would have any crews brave enough to show up. But our fears were groundless as 11 boats crowded the start line for the first race. Saturday was fluky but at least a little windy and dry, in fact the wind blew consistently and long enough to get in four races.

The only rain we saw on Saturday was, you guessed it, at the potluck and then it was only a brief sprinkle – not even enough to deflate the whipped topping on the banana cream pie. It was great to be back on the beach (what little there was thanks to the high water) at Big Sage and everyone enjoyed the food, the conversation, and the great campfire.

It was a good thing we got four races in on Saturday because Sunday was grey, damp and absolutely dead calm. The race committee waited until almost 11:30 before raising the white flag in 2-3 knots of wind.

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Many of us have been following the story of the 4 Wheelers. The ordinary family from Nampa on an extraordinary sailing adventure throughout the Caribbean. For the past year and a half, Many of we've read their bi-weekly reports in the Idaho Statesman with much interest, sympathy, and jealousy. They are back on terra firma once again, and I for one will miss the vicarious sea life that they sent back home to Idaho every two weeks. One of the most amazing aspects of this story is that they had about 10 hours of sailing experience when they began their journey! If any SISA members are friends with the Wheelers, please invite them to an upcoming function to share some of their stories with us.

Book Review

“Ten days out and we were in the northeast trades. Porpoises were playing under the bow as only porpoises can play; dolphins were racing alongside and flying fish were all about. This was, indeed, a happy change, and we were transported to another world. Our hardships were now all forgotten, for the sea washes off all the woes of men.”

An excerpt from “The Voyage Of The Liberdade” by Joshua Slocum. This is a most wonderful true story of the journey home from Brazil to Boston in a hand-built sailboat after disaster took Slocum's sailing cargo ship and livelihood away from him. Along with his wife and two young sons, Joshua built a very seaworthy sailboat, partly out of materials found in the jungle. If you're wondering where you've heard the name Joshua Slocum, he was the first man ever to solo-circumnavigate the globe

I highly recommend this book to anyone wishing to transcend through words to a life at sea. Keep your sails filled

Page 3 Commodore Cont...

About 20 minutes into the race with no one having reached the first mark, it was obvious we needed to shorten the course but even then it took well over an hour for the last boat to finish. Then, as is too often the case, as soon as the boats were on the trailers – the wind appeared! Oh well!

Thanks to Keith Sander and Joe Baldwin (ably assisted by yours truly and Judy Baldwin) for running the race committee. And congratulations to all the first time racers who joined us for the weekend. Brett Hunt in his Capri 22, Joe Zosso in his Mac 21, Aubrey and Tawni Swann on the Hobie 18 and Tony Lloyd on his C-22.

Now it's time for our biggest event of the year - the 9th Annual Cascade Cup, July 4-5. We still have plenty of room for more boats and I know there will be plenty of really, really good food at the Saturday night BBQ. You can register on Saturday morning between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. at the Blue Heron Boat Ramp and even buy a T-shirt and a meal ticket. So come on out and enjoy at great holiday event with SISA!

In the Pipeline

Parrot Head Regatta on June 20 - 21 at Cascade Lake

Cascade Cup Invitational on July 4-5 at Cascade Lake

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